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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

AMBASSADOR WAGNER FOR ASSISTANT SECYS DERIAN AND VAKY

E.O. 12065, GDS 1/14/85 (SARROS, P. PETER) O-R
TAGS: SREF, SHUM, AR, VT
SUBJECTS: MOTHERS OF DISAPPEAR ARGENTINES

REF: A. STATE 8188 B. BUENOS AIRES 148 C. BUEMRS AIRES 83

1. ENTIRE TEXT

2. I HAVE PERSONALLY TAKEN UP SUBJECT OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA WITH VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER, ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI, AND CITED THE INCIDENT REPORTED IN BUENOS AIRES 148. CASAROLI TOLE ME IN EQUIVOCAL TERMS THAT VATICAN AND NUNCIO LAGHI IN ARGENTIN WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE BEST VATICAN DIPLOMATS, WILL CONTINUE ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT AND THAT HE WAS SURE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ARGENTINA WILL NOT BE INDIFFERENT. HE SAID THAT THE PROBLEM WITH SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISAPPEARED PERSONS IN ARGENTINA WAS COMPOUNDED BY THREE FACTORS: THE EXISTENCE OF DIFFERENT POLICE FORCES AMONG THE MILITARY SERVICES, THE FACT THAT SOME PERSONS IN ORDER TO AVOID DETENTION OR

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Margaret P. Griefeld, Director
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PERSECUTION HAVE CHANGED THEIR NAMES, AND ALSO BECAUSE SOME PERSONS MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED TERRORIST GROUPS.

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DESPITE THESE COMPLICATIONS THE VATICAN WOULD PURSUE ACTIVELY
SEEKING INFORMATION FROM THE GAO ON THE ISSUE. WAGNER

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